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Applicant(s): Hidetaka KOJIMA et al.

Invention: METHODS FOR PRODUCING ACETIC ACID

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.